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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: PIPE REPAIR DEVICE AND METHOD:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 10 and 11 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 3. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 including means for completing the forming of the aperture in the pipe following fixation of the fluid entry device to the pipe.
- 5. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 including means attachable to the elongate handle for forming a thread within the aperture in the pipe to allow the fluid entry device to be affixed to the pipe.